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# Operational Rules

## **Denial**

The Market Manager has the authority to deny any person the privilege of operating at the market if the person, in his or her judgement, is using methods that are detrimental to attendance at the market or contrary to market policies.

## **Setup Requirements**

All vehicles must be setup by 7:45 am. If you are running late, please let the Market Manager know as soon as possible.

## **Electricity**

Only usage of electricity approved by the Market Manager will be permitted.

## **Additional Facilities**

No person shall erect any facility upon the market without the approval of the Market Manager.

## **Vehicles**

All vehicles must enter and leave the market area through entrances and exits so marked.

## **Holding Space**

Holding space by use of parked vehicles, small amount of product, etc. will not be permitted.

## **Stationary Vehicles**

Stationary vehicles designated for storage and/or refrigeration will be permitted only upon approval of the Market Manager.

## **Removal of Property**

All tenants or users of the market shall remove any vehicle or item or property upon the discretion of the Market Manager.

## **Churches/Non-Profits**

Churches or other non-profit organizational selling food must have permission of the Market Manager to sell at the market.

**Advertising**

No person shall distribute, scatter about, or post at the market any advertising, signs, pamphlets, cards, and bills or other printed matter without the consent of the Market Manager.

**Homesteading**

Homesteading in the market is prohibited.

**Children**

Children under 14 years of age shall not be permitted to roam or wander around the market unless accompanied by an adult who shall be responsible for their conduct. Wholesalers, retailers, truckers, farmers and buyers who bring minors to the market or allow minors to visit with them shall be responsible for carrying out this provision. The riding of bicycles or other similar devices at the market is strictly forbidden.

**Pets**

No pets are allowed at the market. This applies to customers as well as vendors - with the sole exception of aid dogs for the handicapped.

**Profane Language**

The use of profane, abusive or discourteous language on the market is prohibited and is punishable by expulsion from the market.

**Gambling/Disorderly Conduct**

The Market Manager shall have authority to order from the market any person gambling or under the influence of intoxicants or disorderly in conduct.

**Public Outcry**

No person shall make any public outcry, do "hawking" or give any musical or other entertainment for the purpose of drawing customers or to attract attention, or shoot fireworks or firearms at any time.

**Inspections**

The Market Manager may make or cause to be made any inspections which may be necessary and may prohibit the sale of any produce which does not conform with legal and stated market standards.

**Unsound Produce**

No person shall sell produce which is unsound or unwholesome or which fails to meet the standards or requirements of federal, state or local laws and regulations. All NC regulatory laws applying to weights, measures, marking of containers, sanitation or other legal requirements will be obeyed by all market tenants. In no case will produce be offered for sale that contains a total of more than 10 (10%) percent decay, shriveling and/or other blemishes.

**Altered Produce**

No farmer is to sell any produce that has been shucked or shelled. No exceptions to this rule. This will be grounds for expulsion from the market.

**Piling**

Market tenants shall confine the piling and display of produce to the space leased to them.

**Culls**

The manager may require that all produce sorted out as culls or otherwise considered of no commercial value shall be placed in containers and destroyed or removed from the market premises. The disposition of such product(s) shall be the responsibility of the person or firm in whose possession the product may be.

**False Pack**

No tenant shall use any false pack. As used herein, false pack means the topping or facing of containers with the best products exposed and poor products concealed underneath.

**Abandonment**

No buyer, vendor, renter or user or other person shall abandon produce, vehicles or other articles on the market. If such is done the manager may have such item(s) removed from the market at owner's expense or donate to a person who will dispose of such items or articles.

Abandoned produce and/or containers will be disposed of by the vendor upon exiting from the market.

- (1) Produce – Inspectors will check and donate edible products to charitable institutions
- (2) Containers – Will be removed and disposed of

**Price Agreement**

No buyer or seller on the market shall enter into any price agreement or join any organization for the purpose of raising, lowering or fixing abnormal or artificial prices of products on the market or for the purpose of keeping products off the market, and no person shall assist others in any way to accomplish this purpose.

All prices need to be displayed for customers to see.

**Deceptive Prices**

Fraudulent, dishonest and deceptive practices carried on at the market may be punishable by revocation of permit to sell on the market.

**Tips or Gratuities**

The Market Manager and all other employees of the market shall not engage in selling any produce on the market and shall not receive any tips or gratuities from any buyer or seller on the market.

**Fair Practices**

Vendors on the market must not approach a buyer for the purpose of making a sale while said buyer is in conversation with another vendor.

**False Reports**

Persons who circulate false reports tending to upset or destroy the operations of the market or that may cause upset or damage to vendors in loss in prices shall be subject to expulsion from the market.

**Procedures for handling infractions**

First Infraction – Verbal warning

Second Infraction – Written warning

Third Infractions – Removal from the market permanently

**Regulatory Enforcement**

- (a) The Market Manager may dispossess tenants for failure to abide by the regulations of the market
- (b) The Market Manager may cause to be removed from the market any person who fails to abide by the regulations of the market.

**UNDERSTAND THESE RULES APPLY TO BOTH THE FARMER AND/OR HIS EMPLOYEES. ANY BOOTH NOT COMPLYING WITH THE RULES CAN BE ASKED TO LEAVE AND IT CAN ALSO BE GROUNDS FOR EXPULSION FROM THE MARKET.**

*Rules are subject to change upon CFM board approval.*